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Meeting of Missouri Synods.

The synod of Missouri of the Presbyterian church, South, met last week in St. Louis, at the Central church, of which the Rev. Dr. J. L. Mauze, well known to Fulton people, is pastor. At the same time, the Northern synod met in Dr. Russell's church, near. Both were in session from Tuesday evening till Friday noon. The Rev. J. E. Kerr, well known to many in Callaway, was elected moderator of the Southern body. Dr. Francis W. Russell, the host of the Synod U. S. A. was chosen moderator of that synod.

Three joint meetings were held of the two bodies for pleasant greetings, etc. One was a joint communion, two others were for addresses by prominent men. The Rev. J. S. Lyons, D. D., of Atlanta, spoke on "Presbyterianism at Its best," on Wednesday night; and the Rev. C. B. McAfee, D. D., of Chicago, on Thursday night spoke on "Presbyterianism Facing the Times."

The important matters of business of the Southern synod were hearing reports from all of the lines of church activity. All of them were of the most encouraging nature. In home and foreign missions, particularly, reports indicated a success and growth much surpassing that in nearly all other churches. The sum total of members received in the whole church showed a larger per cent of growth than that of most other important denominations.

Home missions in the state were reported in a most encouraging condition. Educational matters received large attention. Dr. E. E. Reed, president of Westminster College, addressed both bodies, and made a very excellent impression on each.

The Southern synod approved the establishment of a separate professor ship of Bible in Westminster, as soon as possible, so that this work shall not be an adjunct to some other department. At present, and for several years past, the chair of Philosophy and the Bible has been combined and Dr. D. S. Gage is in charge. The greater part of his time, however, is occupied with teaching the Bible. Every student recites every week a Bible lesson, unless excused for the semester for some good and sufficient reason. Probably there are less than twenty students who do not come under Dr. Gage's tuition in these classes. But it is much to be desired that the man in charge of instruction in the Scriptures should also have time to act as the student pastor.

The Southern synod also approved the measures taken so far by the assembly's permanent advisory com-

mittee on education, a committee which represents the entire southern church. Dr. D. S. Gage and Dr. J. J. Rice were renominated for membership on this committee, as principal and alternate, from the synod of Missouri.

This synod also approved the general idea of the unification of its educational interests under some central board or committee, and a committee was appointed to consider the steps already taken in other states, notably Texas and Mississippi, in this line, and to report to the synod next year. Two of the most important actions of the Synod U. S. A. were the inaugurating of a state-wide temperance campaign, and a movement looking to self-support of home missions in the Missouri Synod.

Dr. Gage on American College.

A dispatch from St. Louis to the Kansas City Star, dated October 16, says:

"Dr. Daniel Shaw Gage, professor of philosophy at Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., made a plea for the American college in an address before the Missouri Synod of the Southern Presbyterian church here yesterday.

"'An attempt is being made by powerful forces in state education,' he said, 'to secure the general adoption of a plan that eliminates the college. This plan is fraught with the highest danger, especially at this time. It contemplates basing all professional, technical and university education on the completion of the high school course.

"'The high school cannot possibly prepare men adequately for expert technical efficiency.

"'The elimination of the colleges would lower the moral and civic standards of our American scientific, professional and business men.

"'This proposed scheme is imported from Europe. The college is America's contribution to education. It alone can meet all of America's demands.

"'The college alone can teach the ideals requisite for the highest type of American citizens. And of all colleges, the church college, in my judgment, meets these demands the best.'"

ATHLETICS.

Fought Drury for Victory.

Westminster, 7; Drury, 0.

The score tells the tale of Friday's hard-fought game, undecided until the end of the final quarter.

Westminster College faced the opportunity that comes only once. Its opponents, fortified by a reputation that extended far back of Coach Dan Nee's time, were contenders for the state championship. Husky, crafty, trained by a brilliant strategist, the Springfield team came to Fulton to win—and lost.

It was the merciless, hard-hitting unending fight of the whole Blue Jay machine that sent the Panthers home downcast and gave Westminster College fans a glimpse of championship honors; and although there were thrilling moments when the name of the hero of some spectacular dash ran like wildfire through the crowd on the sideline, the story of Friday's victory is not one of individual excellence.

For the first time in eight years, Drury met a college team that could defeat its players. For the first time, a Missouri college conference eleven outplayed the red and gray. For the first time, excepting one, Dan Nee was forced to watch the team of his making from the Ozark school walk defeated from the gridiron.—Gazette.

Tie Score in Tarkio Game.

Tarkio College, defeated decisively by the William Jewell eleven several weeks ago, succeeded in holding the Westminster Blue Jays to a tie score, 7 to 7, October 22, at Tarkio. Twice, after the Fulton team had

scored in the first quarter, the ball was advanced to within several yards of the Tarkio goal, and twice the ball was fumbled. The Blue Jays did not show the same fine form they exhibited a week before in the game with the Drury Panthers.

Westminster's touchdown was made by Foster, who went over the goal line five minutes after the game had begun. The Blue Jays did not hesitate once during that five minutes, carrying the ball down the field in repeated gains. The Tarkio touchdown in the second quarter was the result of a fumble. A Tarkio man, who was carrying the ball, was within ten yards of a touchdown when he was tackled hard by Vaughan. The ball was knocked from the player's arm, rolled across the line, and was fallen on by a Tarkio man.

Three forward passes were completed in four attempts by Westminster, the opposing team making only one pass that counted. Merstetter and Craighead played an excellent game in the backfield, while Aull's work in the line was especially good. Merstetter, besides receiving several forward passes, was one of the best ground-gainers on the team Friday.

Merstetter, Wilson, Craighead and Matsell were injured but not seriously and are now "on their job" again.

The Westminster College line-up was as follows: Captain McCampbell, right end; Williams, Stambaugh, right tackle; Wilson, Stambaugh, right guard; Vaughan, center; Bryan, left guard; Aull, left tackle; Collett, Covington, left end; Merstetter, quarterback; Schwabe, Malone, Matsell, right halfback; Craighead, left halfback; Foster, fullback.

Notes.

Dr. E. F. Abbott, Elmer C. Henderson, and Harrison Grant, of Fulton, were chosen members of the Board of Trustees by the Southern Synod. E. A. Neel, of Kansas City, was the fourth member chosen. The three last named are alumni of Westminster and have long been warm friends of the college. Dr. Abbott is pastor of the Fulton church.

On last Monday night the students boarding and rooming at Reunion Hall gave a reception in honor of the football team, inviting also to be their guests the students of Synodical and William Woods colleges.

On last Saturday night the Philologic Literary Society entertained the young ladies of these two colleges.

The Lecture Course offered the first of its series this week. This "Lecture Course," so called though much of it is musical, was inaugurated by Westminster some years ago. It grew in favor until the two women's colleges and the pastors of all the churches united in its support, thus securing a patronage sufficient to enlist the services of the very best platform talent. The students of the three colleges have the benefit of reduced rates.

The Synod U. S. A. elected as trustees of Westminster E. T. Hornback, M. D., of Hannibal, Mo.; Mr. George W. Sutherland, of St. Louis; Rev. William J. McKittrick, D. D., of St. Louis, and Rev. Harry C. Rogers, D. D., of Kansas City. The vacancy caused by the death of Rev. S. J. Niccolls, D. D., LL.D., of St. Louis, was left unfilled for the present. Rev. R. Ames Montgomery, D. D., of St. Louis, was elected to fill the vacancy in the board, class of 1916.

The St. Louis papers are speaking of Rev. Frank Sneed, D. D., of Pittsburg, Pa., as a successor of the late Dr. Niccolls. Dr. Sneed is an alumnus of Westminster and at one time was pastor of a church in St. Louis. He is Missouri born and reared and has hundreds of friends who would welcome his return to the state. For

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some years he has been the successful pastor of one of the largest and wealthiest churches of the Presbyterian church, known as the East Liberty church, at Pittsburgh.

Mr. George P. Marshall, our efficient student-secretary, has recently extended his services to Synodical College and succeeded during the summer in bringing the library up to within six hundred volumes of the number required for junior colleges. The Synodical is also required to spend $250 for new books. It is to be hoped that the $250 and six hundred books will be secured before the New Year.

Dr. John Henry MacCracken, who was formerly president of Westminster and who "won his spurs" here, was inaugurated President of that notable old institution, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., on October 20. We regret that no representative of Westminster could respond to the invitation to be present on that occasion. Judging by Westminster's experience, Lafayette has the right man in the right place.

Washington-Jefferson College, of which Dr. Hinitt, class '89, is president, has gladdened the hearts of its athletic friends by beating Yale on the gridiron.

Football games played to date by Westminster: Missouri Military Academy (practice game), score 7 to 7.

Kirksville Normal School (conference game) 38 to 7, in favor of Westminster.

Drury College of Springfield, Mo., (conference game), score 7 to 0, in favor of Westminster.

Tarkio College (conference game) 7 to 7.

Games to be played: William Jewell of Liberty and Central of Fayette.